NOMINAL ENCOMIUM

ON

The ELECTION of the MAGISTRATES 1766.

FAIR EDINBURGH, a paradiſe, her etymology
Does ſhew, from Eden's garden is deriv'd her pedigree:
In Britain's iſle, on her north ſide, her ſtructure high doth ſtand;
Earth's utmoſt end is given to King JESUS his command.
Let his VICEGERENT rule for him, ſo ſhall he LAURIE'd be
With bays, that's ever green, in Heav'n's great univerſity.
From fair and lovely DRUMMOND-Lodge the aromatic plants,
Flowers, fruits, and foliage, and ſweet gums, do flow, no pleaſure wants.
The ſkilful chemiſt then may act his wiſe ſpagiric part,
His medecines to compoſe by th' apothecary's art;
So that ſalubrious fragrancy may ſpread ſweet ſcents around,
That in our ſtreets and lanes there may no nuiſances be found,
As formerly; ſo let the PLAN, for that ſame cauſe, be done,
With the ſmall aid was to be given when that work was begun
Laſt year; but ſtopt, becauſe that aid was grudged to be given;
But if now done, the work goes on, and former odds made even.
Our city then ſhall be like to a foreſt wide and large;
Our faithful FORRESTER will keep from ill mens power and rage.
Such prudence and experience beget a ſolid hope,
That in the courſe of doing good there ne'er ſhall be a ſtop.
As STEVEN, the protomartyr, was honour'd by God and man;
So ſhall the godſon, and advance, as high's the Council can,
In honour, out of gratitude to ſuch a worthy one.
Moſt curious work is aye perform'd by the ingenious WRIGHT:
The maſon's work he models firſt, then binds to keep it right;
He founds his work, and covers it, and through it ſhines the light.
Let honour'd be, and ſtill advanc'd, the well-beloved STODART;
The city's honour he will ſeek, and profit, with a good heart.
Let never modeſt virtue in a deep bark-midden LEAR
MOUNT up it rather ſhall grow rich on tann'd hides, horns, and hair.
As horns are emblems of great power, and cornucopias
Of riches great, ſo are they, too, emblems of Guild-court laws.
Th' ingenious ~~and~~ mechanic world no better engine knows,
Or of more univerſal uſe, than is the MILNE that goes
With either fluid, or with ~~the~~ pow'rs of men or cattle driv'n;
For it prepares aright for us the bleſſings ſent from heav'n.

Thus when by theſe our city is governed and maintain'd,
She ſhall no more be call'd by *Loſt*, but *Paradiſe Regain'd*.

Though

Though ſtrong efforts for doing good are ſometimes not rewarded,
Yet afterwards it may perhaps be ſome time more regarded.

Your ancient ſervant's caſe cognoſce, how is kept back from him
Half of his daily bread, which does unto his place pertain;
And ſo reſtore the whole unto, your ſervant, ROBERT MEIN:
Who plann'd the way the city might ten thouſand pounds obtain;
Which very well may yet be done for all that's come and gane
On the bridge-work that's done.
The way is this, appoint but two the whole Plan to examine,
And then report, the truth will ſoon quite verify the ſamen.
If that ten thouſand Sterling pounds be worth examination;
And now refus'd, th'occaſion's loſt beyond all reparation.
Beſt architect is damnify'd when policy is wrong;
But much improv'd when that they both go hand in hand along.
The plans and drawings, to ingraft the profitable ſcheme
To the expenſive, ready is, when call is for the ſame.

Proſperity to EDINBURGH, while laſts the radiant ſun,
And all the good for her propos'd, with ſpeed and thrift, be done.

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